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Tourist disarmed machete attacker

A HOLIDAYMAKER from Kingswinford has told how he fought off a machete-wielding attacker after violence erupted in a Tenerife bar.

A woman was left with injuries to her ear, while her husband's face was cut and another woman's finger was injured as the drama unfolded at a bar in the Malibu Park resort in San Eugenio Alto, Adeje.

Father-of-two Paul Matthews leapt into action without a "second thought".

Despite the 62-year-old attacker having a machete in one hand and a knife in the other, Mr Matthews, aged 43, grabbed his wrists and wrestled him to the ground.

The former car salesman, said the man had been drinking and started rowing with other revellers. He is thought to have left the bar to fetch the weapons before his attack.

Mr Matthews said he slammed the man's arms on the floor until he dropped the weapons and dragged him outside. Mr Matthews was not harmed. The attacker escaped from the scene but was later arrested.

Mr Matthews said: "I went out for a cigarette and when I came back inside I heard screaming. It was absolute bedlam," said Mr Matthews, who regularly visits Tenerife.

Market hall to be store

A FORMER indoor market hall in Dudley will be reborn as a discount shop creating 35 jobs.

99p Stores will open a new branch in the former Spencers Market in High Street on February 3. The building has been empty since traders packed up their stalls in July. A rise in rents was blamed.

Dudley Council's deputy leader Councillor Tim Wright said: "Any regeneration in Dudley town centre is to be welcomed."

TESCO PROMISE TO SAVE MOSAIC

by Louise Jew

WORK has begun to build Stourbridge's £50 million new superstore and Tesco's first task was to honour its pledge to save the town's historic mosaic coat of arms.

The design of the former Stourbridge borough's coat of arms has been dug up from the floor at the main entrance to the Crown Centre. And that paves the way for the rest of the



This mosaic will be preserved by Tesco

massive development to take shape.

The Crown Centre is due to be demolished to make way for a new Tesco superstore and revamped shops.

The mosaic originally stood at the former Odeon cinema, now Wilkinson's in the High Street.

When plans were announced Stourbridge Township Council expressed concerns that the feature might go.

Then Tesco promised that it would not only preserve the coat of arms but also the clock featuring the Stourbridge Lion locomotive, also in the Crown Centre.

Workers have now carefully drilled the floor tiles around the mosaic and raised it so it can be conserved.

Demolition

Chairman of Stourbridge Township Council Margaret Scott said: "It is very important to Stourbridge and I am sure Tesco will keep their word and keep it safe."

Tesco corporate affairs manager Jonathan Simpson confirmed: "It will be incorporated into the new mall."

Council bosses described the hand over of the centre as a milestone in a project leading to the regeneration of the town centre.

Although Tesco has taken ownership of the site, no date has been given yet for when work will start on the demolition of the Bell Street multi-storey car park, which will be replaced with an underground one.

The council has agreed to continue to operate the car park until work starts but access to spaces on the roof of the Crown Centre has been blocked.

Bridges linking the car park to the Crown Centre lifts and stairwell have also been closed.

Information on the development will be available soon at the www.dudley.gov.uk website or people can ask for the latest updates on the scheme by sending an email to stourregen@dudley.gov.uk

Reviving historic designs



At Ruskin Glass are cameo engraver Terri Colledge and auctioneer Will Farmer

STAFF at the Ruskin Glass Centre in Stourbridge are working on replicas of historic vases. These include the Portland Vase dating back to 25AD, the Amphora Portland Vase and the Auldjo Jug.

They are getting them ready for the International Festival of Glass in August, which

coincides with the 400th year of glassmaking in the town. Expert Richard Golding has created the blanks which are now being carved by cameo glass engraver Terri Colledge. Expert Will Farmer, an auctioneer at Fieldings in the town, was shown the work in progress.

Virgin is moving out of borough

VIRGIN Media is to move 342 staff from its offices at Brierley Hill to a new headquarters in Birmingham.

Office staff based at Cable Plaza, Waterfront West, including sales and business planning teams, were told this week about the proposals to "centralise" workers into Birmingham.

The cable TV, phone and broadband business plans to complete relocation to Eagle Court in Coventry Road, by the end of 2012.

Virgin Media's technical operation and teams that manage network operations will remain at Brierley Hill with staff retained there to maintain it. Offices at Redditch, where 20 staff are employed, will close.

Maurice Daw, Virgin Media's executive director for access, said that no job reduction was planned and they wanted to retain skilled staff in the region. Staff who face significant extra travel costs would be paid a travel allowance as compensation for up to three years.

Centralise

Mr Daw said the intention was to centralise the operations of several offices in the West Midlands region to create a new centre of excellence for customer service.

"The proposals are designed to help improve efficiency and collaboration, with teams also benefiting from a significantly enhanced working environment," he added.

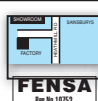
A brand new custom-fitted building is being built adjacent to Virgin Media's existing office in Eagle Court, Birmingham, where 200 are currently based.

Meanwhile, the West Brom Building Society is considering moving from its home town of 160 years and relocating in Dudley. One location being considered is the Point North development, at The Waterfront, in a former base of banking company egg.

Chief executive Jonathan Westhoff said: "We are looking at a few premises. Point North is one of them."

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Ebay postcard of the past led to lychgate family link

A FAMILY researcher who bought a postcard on Ebay has discovered a link to the builders of the church lychgate it portrays. The gate is outside St Peter's Church, Kinver.

by Heather Large

The construction team was lead by a descendant of Steve Basterfield. Mr Basterfield, aged 54, a former policeman who patrolled Stourbridge and Birmingham bought a postcard on ebay showing workmen from W Basterfield, of Kinver, building the lychgate in 1922.

Although he did not at first know where the archway in the picture was, he managed to identify it through studying photographs of Kinver and St Peter's Church.

He popped to the lych gate and found the evidence in a plaque, erected in memory of local surgeon John Percy Holyoake, who died in 1917, which says that the structure was erected voluntarily by W Basterfield following subscriptions to the cost of materials by parishioners. He then discovered the grave of Walter Basterfield, organist, choirmaster and churchwarden, in the graveyard, looking towards the gate he and his men built.

Walter had died on February 10 1942, aged 62, and his wife, Emily on March 5 1950, aged 70.

"What particularly

appeals to me about the postcard is the beauty of it and the dress and tools of the workmen," said Steve, of High Street, Wollaston. He is one of several members of the extended Basterfield clan who have been researching their roots and have put together a family tree going back to the 1820s. "It's a well-known Halesowen name and there are five or six different groups of the family, who were mainly builders and nailers," said Steve, a father-of-three and a grandfather.

Beauty

Mr Basterfield, who works as a business efficiency manager for the National Policing Improvement Agency, said: "I have a Google search set up so I am alerted if anything crops up about the Basterfields - and that's how I knew about the postcard, which I bought for £20." W Basterfield no longer exists but the firm was incorporated into the Basterfield Group Ltd, a property company run by Councillor Brian Edwards, leader of South Staffordshire District Council.



Steve Basterfield under the lychgate at St Peter's Church



Mr Basterfield's postcard of the construction from 1922

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Mothercare World's assistant manager Sarah Smith, centre, with customer sales advisers Hannah Shaw, left, and Ruth Coulson

A BOOK drive in aid of two community groups has been launched by a shop at Dudley's Merry Hill Centre.

Mothercare World is holding its Great Book Exchange event until the end of this month.

Parents can bring in any books their children have outgrown in exchange for a voucher for 50 per cent off a new book in the store.

All of the books brought in will then be shared between the children's ward at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital and Action for Children, which is based at Sledmere Children's Centre, Dudley.

Parents should bring along their books, in good condition, to the store before January 31.

NETS have been put up to protect new glass shelters at the £7 million Stourbridge bus station from pigeons.

Designers of the interchange realised the new glass walling on the shelters could form a tempting target for the birds.

Experts were called to the site to find the best way of protecting the new stands and work has now been carried out. Staff from Eco Environmental Services have installed harmless anti-bird netting to bird-proof the shelters. The netting stops birds landing on the shelters but causes them no harm.

There are 11 upgraded stands at the station. Each is fitted with automatic doors which open when the bus arrives.

The protective measures are among the latest works at the development which is rapidly taking shape in Foster Street East.

Work has been ongoing on the new interchange since the old outdated bus station was closed in October 2010.

Construction

The station is due for completion by the spring. Much of the work, including construction of the frame, roof and walls, on the main bus station building was completed at the end of last year.

Bosses from transport authority Centro said the development was on schedule, though an opening date has not been set.

Spokesman Ed McDonald, of contractors Interserve, said he was pleased the measures are now in place.

"The project to protect the shelters has been challenging and Eco Environmental Services have been very innovative and flexible in their approach to the works," he said.

Centro spokesman Steve Swingle added: "The bird deterrent measures are an integral part of the station's design and they have now been installed.

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Unions will accept cuts in wages at the council

MORE than 1,000 Dudley Council workers are to receive lower pay after officials rubber-stamped a major shake-up of wages among its 9,000-strong workforce.

The authority was required to draw up the single status agreement to iron out pay inequalities. Unions Unite, GMB and Unison signed a collective agreement accepting the council's proposals on the eve of a meeting last week.

Under the agreement around 1,300 council staff, 14 per cent of the workforce, will receive lower pay, round 41 per cent of staff will keep the same basic pay and 45 per cent will see an increase in their salary.

Agreement

At a special meeting of the council's cabinet, members agreed the new pay structure would be implemented. Work now begins to bring the agreement into effect from April 1 this year.

Staff will get the chance to appeal against the changes. Members of the cabinet said they were pleased all three unions had agreed to the proposals.

But council leader, Councillor Les Jones, told the meeting that it should not be

forgotten that some workers would inevitably be affected because of the agreement.

He added: "For all three unions to not only ballot but accept the proposal is a unique position for a metropolitan borough council to be in with the region."

"However, there are going to be a relatively small number of staff who are going to be affected by this."

"We have done everything we can but in the end there was nothing we could do to help them. I do not want this to go unrecognised."

GMB organiser Mohammed Khalik said the agreement had been reached after lengthy negotiations between trade unions and the council.

By Lee Watton

Oxfam booming



Staff at Oxfam on Stourbridge High Street have had a bumper year, pictured are Andrew Boswell, Sue Tucker, Ann Turner and manager Julie Keen, sitting

SHOPPERS enticed by festive chocolates and second-hand decorations helped Oxfam charity stores achieve some of their best sales figures in half a decade over the Christmas retail period. The charity has announced their strongest week for the last five years.

Julie Keen, manager of the Oxfam shop in Stourbridge High Street, said sales were up by four per cent during the last quarter compared with the same period in 2010.

Church helps foodbank

MEMBERS of Kingswinford Christian Centre have raised more £277 for the Black Country Foodbank.

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Glimpse into the future that brings light rail link

THESE pictures are the first glimpse of how a multi-million pound light rail network between Brierley Hill and Stourbridge could look under new plans.

They were released as bosses revealed work could start within the next two years, creating dozens of jobs. Three metro-style stations would be built as part of the £5 million project to run passenger railcars on a four-mile section of an existing freight line. Passengers would be able to catch the railcars from The Waterfront, in Brierley Hill.

Railcars would then stop at a newly reopened Brierley Hill town railway station, off Station Road, which has been shut for more than 60 years.

A stop would be built near Corbett Hospital, Amblecote, before railcars travel on to Stourbridge Junction to connect up with main line services to London, Worcester and Birmingham.

Principle

Cradley Heath based-firm Parry People Movers has attracted £1m in principle from the Government's Regional Growth Fund to kick-start the project.

The firm already runs the branch line between Stourbridge Town and Junction stations.

The cash allows the firm to begin research and development into the plans to evaluate the existing infrastructure like the tracks and help develop new vehicles for the line.

Further funding will involve a leasing company putting up around £2.5m for the cost of the buying three new trains.

Executive chairman John Parry said it was great news for the company and the Black Country.

New jobs including drivers, cleaners and maintenance workers will be needed if the proposals become a reality.

"This is the biggest news for the company for a long time and we are delighted to be working on this project," he said.



How the new multi-million pound light rail network could look



The project could begin within the next two years creating new jobs

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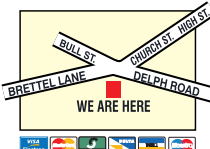
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Signed photographs from Bing Crosby, who was friendly to the staff, comedy duo Laurel and Hardy and Chico Marx, one of the Marx Brothers

Bert, front right, with his arms folded when he worked at the Hippodrome



Bert Walker who worked at the Hippodrome

The days when Bert shone light on Hippodrome stars

BERT Walker put Hollywood stars, quite literally, in the spotlight when they graced the stage of one of the Midland's most popular theatres.

The Black Country lad rubbed shoulders with some of the greats from the world of entertainment when he worked at Dudley Hippodrome. Bert was just a teenager when he landed his much-loved job as a lighting technician.

Following his death at the age of 81, Bert's sister Veronica has opened his treasured photograph album. Personalised signed photographs and pictures taken by his colleagues feature in the showbiz album, which Bert handed over to his sister before he died last month.

"He never forgot his time at the Dudley Hippodrome as he'd absolutely loved his life there," says



By Andrew Turton

the grandmother-of-one who lives in Bearwood. Bert grew up on Dudley's Wrens Nest estate, attending Wrens Nest Primary School and the former Park School.

The Hippodrome opened on December 19, 1938, as a twice-nightly theatre, regularly attracting packed houses for variety shows, musicals, plays and pantos.

In 1945 Bert started work in the theatre's 'spotbox', which involved managing the spotlight as it followed performers on stage.

For starstruck Bert, each show brought another celebrity to the theatre during its 1940s heyday. One show he would be working for legendary comedian Bob Hope,

next it would be lighting the piano for Chico Marx. Judy Garland had been one of his favourites, describing her as "a sweet kid". Singer Tessie O'Shea was one of his highlights as was Bing Crosby, who had been "very friendly" to the staff. Dozens of signed photographs were collected by Bert as stars thanked him for his work on their shows.

By 1949 Bert had begun dreaming of the bright lights of Hollywood lighting stage shows and motion pictures. He moved to America in 1952 but after he married he gave up on those dreams. The writing was on the wall for the Dudley Hippodrome not long after. The popularity of television and films was blamed for the slow decline in attendances and it finally closed in 1964.

Gala converted it in 1992 into a bingo hall, which it remained to September 2009. It now stands boarded up with its future unclear.



Judy Garland, who Bert described as a sweet kid



From the album, George Formby, left, and Frankie Howerd

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Leigh dares to win



Self-confessed tomboy Leigh Hutchinson, aged 24, is vying for success in the Top Model UK contest

WHEN self-confessed tomboy Leigh Hutchinson and her friends entered a national modelling contest as a dare, they never expected it to lead anywhere.

But Leigh has beaten 4,000 other hopefuls and has reached the final which will be held in March.

The 24-year-old works with clothes every day in her job at Debenhams, Merry Hill.

Leigh, of Plant Court, Brierley Hill, saw an advert for Top Model UK in a magazine and was dared by three pals to enter the contest. They submitted their details and pictures to the organisers, and Leigh was called for an interview and has been going from strength to strength.

Now Leigh has earned her place she will be stepping out in the "editorial" category at London's Hilton Metropole Hotel.

She now has the chance of winning coaching from professionals with in the industry and going on photoshoots.

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Firms and university back plans for college

BUSINESS leaders have backed plans for a £10 million university technical college in Dudley to "improve aspirations, skills and employment" throughout the borough.

Catering for up to 600 students, it would be built in Priory Road and specialise in engineering and product design. The two-storey building would have workshops, a micro-electronics lab, learning resource centre and seminar rooms.

Dudley College is working with Aston University on the plans. A bid for Government funding for the project has been submitted to the Department for Education.

Lowell Williams, principal of Dudley College, said: "Aston University's technological expertise and specialist research will be used in the development and delivery of the curriculum."

Professor Julia King of Aston University, said: "I believe it will have a significant impact on raising the aspirations of young people in the region to study science and engineering".

They have been backed by two Black Country firms - the Smethwick-based Thomas Hadley Group and the Thomas Dudley Group based in Birmingham Road, Dudley.

by Heather Large

Implants action

STOURBRIDGE MP Margot James has demanded tougher rules on cosmetic surgery in the wake of the scare over faulty French breast implants.

She raised the issue in Parliament and called for more information on regulations.

Burns' Night

A TRADITIONAL Scottish Burns' Night feast will be held at Stourbridge Cricket Club. The highlight on Friday will be a haggis supper. The event at the War Memorial Athletic Ground will also feature Scottish dancing.

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Fly-tipping criminals to find barriers in the way

BARRIERS have been installed at a fly-tipping hotspot in Pensnett to clamp down on rubbish being illegally dumped at the site.

Residents living near Gibbons Lane in Pensnett have called for action for years.

Now, despite the lane not being under its jurisdiction, Dudley Council has installed concrete barriers to stop vehicles accessing the site. It follows the most recent spate of fly-tipping which saw a large pile of waste, including bricks, tiles and rotting household rubbish dumped on the lane. The council has removed this rubbish at a cost of £500. Installing the barriers cost a further £600.

An investigation had now been launched into the incident with a view to prosecuting the culprits. The council hopes to recover costs of the work when those responsible are found and convicted.

John Palmer, aged 68, who has lived near the site off High Street for 48 years, said he was pleased the work had been carried out.

"This has needed doing for such a long time and it will be of major benefit to this area," he said. "The rubbish was cleared away and the barriers installed within a matter of hours. People in the area are delighted this has been carried out."

"Hopefully those responsible will be caught to send a message to others tempted to try the same thing."

Thief was addict

A SHOPLIFTER who admitted stealing cheese and joints of meat on seven different occasions has been jailed for 12 weeks.

Phillip Chell targeted Co-op stores in Penn, Wednesfield and Wombourne during his month-long crime spree from December 18 to January 3, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard. The 31-year-old, of Bell Street South, Brierley Hill, had a drug addiction, the court heard.

Harley has a huge day



Firefighters Dick Donlevy and Joe Farmer with, front from left, Harley Smith, and Brierley Hill Watch Commander Gavin Pardoe

A YOUNGSTER who tackled a fire at his Brierley Hill home has thanked the firefighters who came to his aid. Harley Smith, aged 10, tried to put out a chip pan fire before alerting his mother and neighbours to the blaze.

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Classic 'whodunnit' for am-drams at church hall

A DRAMA group are staging a classic Agatha Christie "whodunnit" this week.

Wordsley Amateur Dramatics Society will be giving acting debuts to actors Paul Homer and Amanda Palmer when it stages The Hollow until Saturday, January 28.

The performances will be held at Kingswinford Methodist Church Hall, in Stream Road, the base of the theatre group, which has been running in the area since 1924.

Mr Homer is to play a local detective sergeant involved in the investigation while Miss Palmer will tread the boards in the guise of a maid at a country house.

The Hollow begins as a traditional family party in a rural mansion but evolves into a classic murder hunt as family members each come under suspicion for foul play.

A complex triangle of love affairs and past

secrets slowly revealed through the course of the weekend house party where the guests include the same man's past mistress, current mistress and his wife.

Liz Green, spokeswoman for the society, said she hoped that the newcomers to the stage would enjoy the same buzz she felt as an amateur actress.

She added: "I hope we can also attract more younger performers at college age in the future as well."

"They will get a real education in production and lighting and the real world of drama."

Curtain-up for the performances will be at 7.30pm.

Tickets cost £7 or £6 with concessions. Call the box office on (01384) 273026 for more information about the production.

Concern over police cuts

FEWER than 160 people have completed an online questionnaire about proposed overnight closures of police stations across the West Midlands.

The cash-strapped force wants to shut 12 bases including those in Wednesfield, Dudley, Stourbridge, Halesowen and Bloxwich from 6pm to 10am to save money.

But a full public consultation was launched after councillors, MPs and members of the public raised it as an urgent issue.

The consultation is now over and 157 have answered the request for views. This is despite more than 1,400 visits to the survey on the web page.

West Midlands Police spokeswoman Zoe Lee said the representations would be considered with a decision over closures in the "coming weeks".

Despite the small number of people submitting

concerns through the website, more than 7,000 people have signed petitions against the plans for Dudley, Bloxwich and stations across the wider West Midlands.

Former Birmingham councillor Mike Olley, who is hoping to become the Labour Party's candidate for the Crime Commissioner role for the West Midlands this year, said the process of consultation was "flawed" and that by only allowing online representations, key members of the public will have been missed.

Command

"I believe the senior command team initiated a low-key, almost hidden consultation," he added.

West Midlands Police is faced with having to save £126 million over the next four years as it tries to manage Government cuts in funding.

More than 2,000 police officer and staff roles will go during that period.

The force has already announced £25m of savings this year.

Meanwhile, frontline officers at Staffordshire Police will be forced to use public transport instead of panda cars due to cost-cutting measures.

The force wants uniformed constables and community support officers to get on buses and trains as it tries to plug a £38 million funding gap.

Police chiefs are trying to trim £900,000 from next year's transport and travel budget and want to cut down on the use of fleet cars – and are encouraging travel companies to allow officers to travel for free.

South Staffordshire MP Gavin Williamson said he would be seeking assurances from Chief Constable Mike Cunningham.

"There is no direct bus between Codsall and Kinver, so I will want reassurance there the area is not going to be lacking in policing because officers are spending half their time in the West Midlands trying to get from one end of South Staffordshire to the other," said the Conservative MP.

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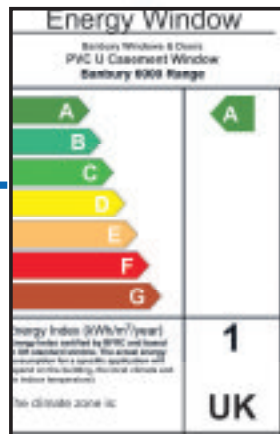


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Inspiring survivor



Holocaust survivor Zigi Shipper chats to students Adut Aulik, 17, and, from left, James Sergeant, 14, Jenny Mattheus, 17, Ollie Mann, 14, and Charlotte Parsons, 17

HOLOCAUST survivor Zigi Shipper spoke of the horrors of Auschwitz to a hushed audience of more than 200 A Level students at a Stourbridge boarding school.

The lecture at Old Swinford Hospital School, in Heath Lane, Oldswinford, was part of a visit organised by the Holocaust Educational Trust.

Mr Shipper, who survived his time at the Nazi death camp near Krakow in Poland during the Second World War, hosted the session last night to explore the nature of the Holocaust and its lessons in more depth.

He has been a popular speaker at schools throughout the Black Country as part of the Holocaust Educational Trust's year-round outreach programme.

It is estimated that the Nazis murdered one and a half million men, women and children at the concentration camp in German-occupied Poland, a million of them were Jews from across Europe. It was one of several such camps.

School headmaster Peter Jones said: "His testimony will remain a powerful reminder of the horrors so many experienced. We are grateful to the Holocaust Educational Trust for co-ordinating the visit. We hope it will encourage our students to learn from the lessons of the Holocaust and make a positive difference in their own lives."

Mother encourages 'happy hormones'

A MOTHER from Kinver is launching an exercise class so that pregnant women can benefit from 'happy hormones'.

Mother-of-two Tania Felton, an ante and post-natal exercise instructor, is opening the classes every Thursday at Kinver Children's Centre, Edgelyth School, Enville Road.

Mrs Felton, of Compton Road, said: "Exercise during pregnancy is beneficial for mum and for baby, too. It causes good blood flow – the increased oxygen is passed on to your baby and releases 'happy hormones' so that you will feel better, physically and psychologically. Exercise prepares your body for late pregnancy when you will carry that extra weight and prepares your body for labour."

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Songsters to greet spring

A POPULAR choir will stage a traditional spring concert. The Gentlemen Songsters will stage the event on March 24 at Dudley Concert Hall, from 7.30pm. They will be joined by the Holborne Brass Ensemble and Mount Pleasant Primary School Choir from Quarry Bank.

Worst figures in 17 years means more out of work

THE number of people out of work in Dudley rose by 88 in line with a national rise in unemployment which reached its highest level in 17 years, latest figures reveal.

The number claiming Jobseeker's Allowance in the borough was up to 9,982 or 5.2 per cent of the workforce last month.

Unemployment increased nationally by 118,000 between September and November to 2.68 million, official figures revealed last week.

Statistics

The number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance last month also increased on the month by 1,200 to 1.6 million, said the Office for National Statistics.

It was the highest for a year after the tenth consecutive monthly rise.

The West Midlands as a whole saw a rise of 726 to 165,250.

Bucking the trend was South Staffordshire, where the figure was down 25 to 1,747 or 2.6 per cent and in Sandwell the number of claimants also fell to 13,478, or 7.3 per cent, of the borough's workforce. In Walsall the total fell by 55 to 10,425 or 6.6 per cent.

But in Birmingham the figure was up 565 to 51,106, equivalent to 7.6 per cent. Wolverhampton rose by 177 to a total of 11,761.

Meanwhile, long-term youth unemployment has almost doubled in the Warley constituency in the past year, prompting its MP John Spellar to claim Government cuts have choked the economy's recovery.

Prison cell confession

A CONVICTED metal thief confessed from his prison cell to a series of catalytic converter thefts from cars at two Black Country firms.

Alan Edwin Davies, a serving prisoner at Brinsford Young Offenders Institution in South Staffordshire, told officers of his guilt when his conscience got the better of him and he wanted to have "a clean slate". He wept throughout last week's hearing at Dudley Magistrates after pleading guilty to two charges of theft.

District Judge Michael Wheeler was told the converters had been taken from vans belonging to Joroy Services, Brierley Hill, and Newline

Construction, Kingswinford. Davies, aged 19, made the sign of the cross in relief after the district judge ruled a six-week sentence would run concurrent with his existing prison term. He will be eligible for release in less than three weeks.

Account

Davies is serving a sentence for similar crimes and asked for five other matters to be taken into account.

Mr Mark Cooper, prosecuting, said Davies had been approached by police while in prison and asked if there were outstanding matters he wanted to confess to. He agreed and was then driven around various sites in the borough pointing out where he had

taken the converters from including the Brierley Hill and Kingswinford firms.

Mr Cooper said Davies told the police how he removed the converters, "He usually removed the converters while they were still attached to the exhaust system which is what has caused considerable cost to the owners."

Mr Gerry Vahey, defending, said it was the first time Davies had been in prison and it was an experience he did not wish to repeat. He had recently become a father and wanted to rejoin his partner and child. These matters would not have come to light if he had not brought them to the attention to police," Mr Vahey told the court.

Macabre tales highlight Black Country history

HISTORIAN Ian Bott will discuss his book *Black Country Murders*, dating back to 1900, at Stourbridge Library on Friday, January 27, at 2.30pm. Admission is £1 for library members, £2 non-members.

Mr Bott is also giving a talk on Black Country burials, ranging from the humorous to the macabre. That event is being organised by Belbroughton History Society on February 22. His talks will cover epitaphs, Victorian attitudes to death and celebrity graves. It is at Belbroughton Church Hall at 8pm.

The art of friendship



101-year-old Bill Holden took up painting last year at Comberton Nursing Home in Ambicote after being encouraged by professional artist Dylan Waldron

AN 101-year-old artist had a special surprise prepared when a friend, a professional painter, paid him a visit at his Ambicote nursing home.

Bill Holden, who only took up painting at the age of 100, has been busily creating artworks including two water-colour portraits of the man who encouraged his new skill Leicestershire artist Dylan Waldron.

Mr Holden, a former railway worker, presented the pictures when Mr Waldron visited him at Comberton Nursing Home, Stourbridge, last week.

Mr Waldron, a professional artist who has had work exhibited at the Royal Academy, said he was "delighted". Mr Waldron struck up a friendship with Mr Holden while visiting a family friend at the nursing home and has since encouraged him in his artistic pursuits.

Mr Waldron said: "He is an inspiration. Bill's drawing is wonderful and his painting is of an extremely high quality."

Former museum boss dies at the age of 77

RETIRED Stourbridge solicitor and well-known glass heritage campaigner John Sanders has died aged 77.

Mr Sanders, of Wollaston Court, died on January 10 leaving his widow Eileen, daughter Clair and son Richard.

He launched Sanders and Co solicitors, in Stourbridge, and was also a founding member and former chairman of the Friends of Broadfield House Glass Museum, in Kingswinford.

His funeral was taking place yesterday (Wednesday) at St James's Church, Wollaston, followed by a private burial at

Students' work a touch of glass

STUDENTS are to show off their creative talents at Mary Stevens Hospice.

Glasshouse College students in Ambicote have helped to raise money in the past and have been asked to design and create glass features to enhance the hospice's newly landscaped garden.

Stourbridge Cemetery. Mr Sanders served as a trustee and governor of Stourbridge's King Edward VI sixth form college.

Current chairman of the Friends of Broadfield House Barbara Beadman said: "He was a wonderful character, a first-rate solicitor and a glass aficionado."

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Contact with children order is breached

A MAN from the Black Country jailed for sex offences against children has breached an order not to have contact with under 16s for a second time.

But Steven Wyatt, aged 34, of Birch Avenue, Brierley Hill, avoided another jail sentence after a judge said there was no suggestion that he had used "inappropriate" conduct towards the children in the latest breach.

Wyatt admitted breaking an order

he should have no contact with a child aged under 16 without first having permission from the Chief Constable.

Judge Martin Walsh made a new order without time limit, that Wyatt should have no contact with, work with or live in the same house with children, except with permission from social services.

Judge Walsh said: "The circumstances of this breach are that, whilst

there was no suggestion of inappropriate conduct towards any child, he allowed himself to be in the presence of children."

Wolverhampton Crown Court heard Wyatt had in January 2000 at Swansea, been jailed – originally for 12 years but reduced on appeal to nine years – for 20 offences, including indecent assaults on boys.

Showbiz stars captured on canvas



Double vision – artist Chris Oxenbury of Stourbridge, with his sketches of the two Ronnies, Barker and Corbett

ICONS of comedy and music plus sporting greats are some of the celebrities captured on canvas by a Stourbridge artist.

Graphic designer Chris 'Okse' Oxenbury, a former Hagley RC High School pupil from Lye, has won fans

through his Facebook and Twitter sites and has 2,000 followers – including top footballer Bobby Charlton.

To view his artworks online visit www.facebook.com/TheArtOfOkse

MP chairs 'green' panel looking to slash fuel bills

PLANS to cut energy bills for families will be reviewed by a panel chaired by a Black Country MP.

Margot James, MP for Stourbridge, will look at the Green Deal, a new policy which makes insulation and other measures to cut household bills affordable.

"There are more than 9,000 households in "fuel poverty" in Stourbridge because they cannot afford their bills.

Ms James' panel will focus particularly on the deal's impact on women.

She said: "The Green Deal is an enormous opportunity to make homes warmer and reduce fuel bills and I am delighted to be part of this mission.

"Women often play a key role in deciding whether household work should be undertaken so it is important that the policy has their interests at heart."

Pressure

Citizens' Advice Bureau chief executive Gillian Guy added: "We know hikes in prices have put extra pressure on people's budgets at a time when money is already tight. Day in day out, our bureaux are helping people who can't afford their fuel bills.

"We're worried that some people are struggling unnecessarily because they're not on the best deal; live in homes that haemorrhage heat or are not getting all of the financial help available to them."

Charity gets £700 boost from club

A TOTAL of 170 people attended a charity event at Quarry Bank Liberal Club which raised more than £700 for Dudley Alzheimer's Society.

The event at the High Street club included entertainment from 2Xtreme and a raffle with prizes donated by visitors, who each paid £5 a ticket to attend.

The event was organised by Dianne Head, who has worked as an independent carer for a Stourbridge family for the past six years.

Mrs Head said: "Everyone who donated prizes and attended deserves a big thank you, especially 2Xtreme who were generous enough to take less than half their usual fee."

The £700 is the amount raised after expenses were deducted. It is being donated to the society in Pennsnet.

Black Country to a Tee



Paul Palmer, Warren McCabe-Smith and Tony Bagley model some of the Black Country tops and T-shirts which are available at TeeT Shirts in Cradley Heath

TUNKY pig, ruffy wammal and scabby 'oss are some of the latest expressions featuring on T-shirts created by a Cradley Heath firm which specialises in Black Country merchandise.

TeeT Shirts, in Reddall Hill Road, has released a host of new items, including T-shirts, bags and hoodies, bearing the likeness of the three cartoon characters as well as other Black Country expressions. For those not fluent in Black Country

dialect tunky means fat, while a ruffy wammal means a smelly dog and a scabby 'oss is a scabby horse.

The company is now celebrating its fifth year in business. The firm employs three full time staff as well as its two founders, Warren McCabe-Smith and Stephen Pitts. It is now inviting ideas for Black Country-themed T-shirts about the Olympics and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Ideas can be submitted by emailing admin@teetshirts.com.

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thechronicle Birds and butterflies at vineyard's new venture

A FALCONRY centre will be opening at a vineyard near Stourbridge in March.

The venture, also including a butterfly tunnel, at Halfpenny Green Vineyards, Bobbington, will feature about 18 birds of prey. Martin Vickers, owner of the 26-acre Tom Lane site, described the project as an "extremely exciting" prospect. He said: "Although we are letting out the land to a local breeder, it will be very much part of the vineyards."

"There has been so much interest in the falconry centre since we unveiled our plans."

Work to build the aviaries started last week on land that used to house a garden centre, which has closed. An indoor flying centre will also be built.

The falconry centre will be open to the public in March and will be run by Bridgnorth bird breeder Karl Law.

Mr Law will also be introducing walking tours, featuring the birds, for visitors. Some birds will be tethered around the site, while the remainder will be in the aviaries.

Mr Vickers added: "Karl has been here several times to do flying demonstrations so we know him well. We are hoping the falconry centre will pull in more visitors to the vineyards."

The development is expected to cost up to £60,000.

Visitor numbers at the vineyards were up by 20 per cent last year compared to 2010. Numbers have surged to an estimated 30,000 a year as new businesses have come in to fill a collection of retail outlets at the vineyard - with a tattoo parlour the latest to open.

Nature reserve work

WORCESTERSHIRE Wildlife Trust are carrying out a major restoration project at the Devil's Spittleful nature reserve, near Kidderminster, to boost wildlife.

Connie goes to school



Amy Kettle with guide dog Connie, Earls High principal Tom Johnston and guide dog mobility instructor Alan Collier

CONNIE the guide dog has settled into life at a Black Country school.

The golden labrador and retriever cross is the "eyes" of 14-year-old Amy Kettle, of Halesowen, and one of a handful of guide dogs to accompany a pupil to school. It follows the

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Sale of booze to youth sees licence suspended

Zumba to fit in fundraiser



Louise Grosvenor, Jenny Whitehouse, Lou Thomas, Anne Griffiths and Gemma Webster get ready for a Zumbathon for Mary Stevens Hospice

FUNDRAISERS will be showing their fancy footwork at a charity Zumbathon for Mary Stevens Hospice.

Organisers are hoping up to 600 people take up the challenge and join in the sponsored Zumba party on February 19.

There will be hourly sessions from 11.30am until 5.30pm led by qualified instructors at Hagley Community Centre. Sessions cost £5 or for three sessions £12.50 with all proceeds going to the hospice.

It is hoped to raise £10,000 in sponsorship.

A SHOPKEEPER'S premises licence has been suspended for a month after he was caught selling alcohol to a 15-year-old. Now the owner and his staff must retrain.

Nirmal Singh Sandhu, who owns Bargain Booze, in Hagley Road, Stourbridge, failed a trading standards test in October.

Dudley Council's licensing sub-committee suspended Mr Sandhu's premises licence for a month. Police had asked Dudley Trading Standards to act.

A test purchaser, the 15-year-old boy, was sent into the off-licence and bought a bottle of pear cider without being asked for identification.

And the committee was told Mr Sandhu himself had sold the alcohol to the boy.

Measures

Trading standards officer Chris King said only a month before officials had visited the store with an information pack on measures to prevent the selling of alcohol to youngsters.

Mr King said it was the second time alcohol had been sold to a teenager at the store, saying Mr Sandhu had received a fixed penalty in December 2010.

Gill Sherratt, representing Mr Sandhu, said her client was the sole owner of the business and the premises licence holder.

Mr Sandhu said he had sold the alcohol to the 15-year-old but had been distracted at the time as he was taking a phone call. "The phone rang and I stupidly picked it up," he said. "I made a mistake."

Reflections on safety

RESIDENTS in Worcestershire, including the Wyre Forest, are being urged by West Mercia Safer Roads Partnership to don high visibility or reflective clothing so they can clearly be seen during the dark mornings and nights.

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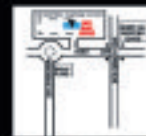
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in brief

Stallholders call for family event

A FAMILY fun day will be held in the grounds of Stourbridge Cricket Club in May following the success of last year's event.

More than 1,500 visitors attended the event in 2011 at the club's War Memorial Athletic Ground, in Amblecote High Street. Bosses hope to replicate this success with another fun-packed day on May 6.

Bosses are on the lookout for community and voluntary groups who would like a free stall to promote their work, stall traders and other groups who want to perform on the day. Call Mark on 07506 747619.

Choices to fit all at leisure centre

PEOPLE can get fit by joining classes at Stourbridge's Crystal Leisure Centre.

Activities include low impact aerobics, spinning and step classes, aerobics and line dancing, aquafit, bodyjam workouts, tone and stretch and bodycombat. Yoga classes run every morning.

Pensions down

PEOPLE retiring this year can expect to receive some £3,000 a year less than those who retired in 2008.

In the West Midlands, the annual retirement income this year is expected to be £12,800, according to the figures from the Prudential.

It's a Mini motor showcase that promises maxi appeal

FOR Dave Hollis, the quest for the perfect Mini never ends. "You're always looking for one that is better than the one you've got," says the Black Country founder of the British Mini Club.

"I've got around half a dozen at the moment, but you're always looking for a better one."

If the perfect Mini does exist, there is a good chance it will be at Stafford's County Showground this Sunday (29). That is the day that thousands of Mini lovers, from as far afield as Berlin and the former Czechoslovakia, will converge on the site at Bingley Hall for the British Mini Fair.

The fair is the first event in the British Mini Club calendar, and Dave is hoping for a bumper turnout to coincide with the club's 20th anniversary.

Test

"It is all nice and warm indoors, and it is a good way to start the year," says the 49-year-old stationery boss, from Brierley Hill, near Dudley. But the chances are there would be no British Mini Club if Dave had taken his driving test in a Ford Escort or Vauxhall Chevette in 1979.

"I passed my driving test first time, so I guess I thought it was a lucky car," he says.

He can't remember how many he has owned over the years, but it is a lot. "It's probably 20 to 30, but I don't know, I've lost count to be honest," he says. "You look at other cars from that time, and they look so old-fashioned, but Minis still look modern. They look good, but they are even better to drive. It's like you're in a little go kart."

The club was formed in 1992, when Dave and a few like-minded friends got together. Today the club has more than 4,000 members, making it one of the bigger single-make car clubs in the UK. But it never crossed Dave's mind how the club would grow in those early days.



The British Mini Fair attracts Mini enthusiasts from all over the world



At a stretch - travel in style in this Mini limousine which is around twice the length of an ordinary car



Organiser Dave Hollis at the British Mini Fair

Thousands of Mini owners will flock to the Midlands this month for an exhibition in celebration of the tiny cars. **MARK ANDREWS** talks to the man behind it

"I never thought it would last for 20 years, I just thought it would be a bit of fun," he says. "But time flies when you're having fun. Back then the classic Mini was still in production and we had no idea how rare and valuable they would become."

It is the club's 13th year at the County Showground, at Bingley Hall. The site's heated exhibition halls will host around 100 trade stands, ranging from autojumble stalls, selling small parts, to companies offering full restoration services. There will also be around 100 of the finest Mini cars on show, which will be competing for "pride of ownership" awards.

It's not just the familiar standard Minis that will be on show, but there will also be some of the spin-off derivatives. One such car is the immaculate Wolseley Hornet,

belonging to Graham Harper from Stone. A product of the British Motor Corporation's badge engineering policy, where otherwise similar cars would be modified to reflect the group's different brands, the Hornet - and the similar Riley Elf - were most instantly recognisable by the separate boot and tailfins added to the rear. They also had more luxurious trim, and their own distinct grille at the front.

Extreme

There will also be an extreme section, featuring some of the most unusual customised Minis. Taking the compact theme a little further than most will be what is surely the smallest Mini on the road, a shortened two-seater.

"It's probably around half the length of a normal Mini," says Dave. "There's also a

Mini limousine, which has been stretched and is probably the size of two ordinary cars. Visitors will get the chance to win a Mini 30 - a limited edition luxury model, that was produced in 1989 to mark the Mini's 30th birthday - which will be raffled off.

Once the Stafford show is out the way, Dave will turn his thoughts to his next show, an open-air event in the grounds of Himley Hall in May.

Perhaps the fact that they were designed with function rather than fashion in mind is a reason why the Mini has not dated. But Dave says the car also has a classless appeal, that made it such a hit with the affluent and the impecunious alike. "Anybody and everybody wanted a Mini," he says.

"Peter Sellers had one, but you didn't have to have a lot of money to have one."

Memorial events help two cancer charities

MORE than £1,400 has been raised for two charities to remember a Black Country woman who lost her fight with cancer.

Gurcharan Singh Bedi, aged 69, from Brierley Hill, organised a fundraising campaign in memory of his wife Surjeet Kaur Bedi.

Cancer Support Dudley, based at the White House, and Stourbridge's Mary Stevens Hospice will each receive £729 thanks to his efforts. Mrs Bedi died in 2008 after a battle with breast cancer and every year since her death Mr Bedi has organised charity events. This year, the grandfather raised the total of £1,458 through raffle tickets and donations.

Mrs Bedi was a regular visitor to the White House, in Ednam Road, and her husband said he wanted to give something back to the centre.

White House centre manager, Chris Barron, said the charity was very grateful for the kind donation. "The money Mr Bedi has raised will go to help cancer patients and their families within the Dudley borough," he said.

Art is on show

BRIERLEY Hill Society of Artists have launched their annual exhibition at Wordsley's Red House Glass Cone. The exhibition of paintings, including local scenes, will run until April 1.

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Quantum operations manager Steve Galbraith and managing director Peter Wooldridge with Dudley Mayor Councillor Michael Evans and Councillor Sue Greenway

Civic visit as company moulds a bright future

A STOURBRIDGE fibreglass mouldings company has celebrated a string of new orders and jobs boost with a civic visit.

Quantum Moulding, in Enville Street, has developed the Ridgeback hard-top for pick-up vehicles with Storm Accessories and has seen 160 of them bought by Network Rail.

The company are hoping to expand the range to other vehicles. Quantum has also been making components for wind turbine housings and a range of car transporters.

Managing director Peter Wooldridge said: "We have been seeing a surge in work over recent months. It has also meant we have been able to increase our workforce to 27."

Don't delay as entries coming in fast

ENTRIES are coming in now for the Action Heart five-mile run in February as we approach the third week of the training programme especially designed for first timers to such events.

If you have not already begun training what better time to start than now – it is not too late. Remember if weather conditions or other commitments deter you from going out one day do not give up – the programme is flexible and you can accommodate a missed day by adding a couple of minutes to the other days and swapping the rest day to suit your individual situation.

Helpful

Newcomers to running - remember to warm up before each session and warm down afterwards. It is helpful to stretch your leg muscles prior to running and brisk walking or jogging on the spot for 5 to 10 minutes is an effective way of preparing the body for exercise.

Over the next few weeks we will let you know of some local running clubs who would be delighted to welcome you should you decide to continue this kind of exercise once the race is over.

For all aspects of safety, do your running on well-lit roads and, if possible with a friend. If you haven't already sent your entry into Action Heart then do not wait any longer – entries are filling up very quickly.

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Museum clean-up given fairytale finish



Actress Kathryn Rooney who is playing Cinderella visited the Black Country Living Museum to help clean-up

A CLEAN-UP at the Black Country Living Museum was given a fairytale finish when a pantomime star paid a visit.

Actress Kathryn Rooney, who is playing Cinderella at Birmingham Hippodrome, was on hand to relaunch the museum following the two-week cleaning project.

And, taking a leaf out her character's book, she helped to scrub the steps and clear away the cobwebs

during the final stage of the clean-up scheme at the Tipton Road venue.

The museum has now reopened after being closed for a fortnight for traditional buildings at the site to be thoroughly cleaned and repainted.

Kathryn, from Solihull, said a trip to the museum was an annual event for her family when she was younger. She is appearing in the title role of this year's big Birmingham panto, alongside theatre star Brian Conley and Loose Women star Lynda Bellingham.

Director of development for the museum Carolyn Pugh said Kathryn's visit marked the start of a busy year.

"We have a number of exciting activities planned for 2012, including the Olympic Torch relay and Newcomen Steam Engine's 300th anniversary celebrations.

"We are delighted Kathryn was able to take time out to help with our recent clean-up."

The museum opening hours are from 10am until 4pm.

Support for the bereaved

A FREE bereavement support session will be held at St James's Church Hall, Belfry Drive, Wollaston, on Friday, January 27, from 2.30pm. To book for the Omega sessions call 0845 259 3163 or email carers@omega.uk.net

Project in motor call

A CHARITY project is looking for donations of vehicles to help youngsters who have struggled at school develop new skills as mechanics.

The Barnardo's Wheels project at the Gainsborough Industrial Estate, in Stourbridge, has three workshops where they train budding car and

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LETTERS

Water farce of paying others' bills

DAYLIGHT robbery! That's what it is, with the water companies implementing an extra £15 surcharge on the water rates of those who do not pay, to compensate for those who do not and will not pay, because the law states no one's water can be turned off.

It's about time we, who do pay our bills, took the same attitude then if we are being penalised for paying ours.

Water rates are for the service that is provided to the payee's home address, like it says on the envelope it is delivered in, and those that do pay should not be expected, or have imposed on

them extra surcharges to pay the shortfall caused by those who have no intention whatsoever of paying for this service.

The water companies should be allowed to recover the money from those who owe it to them, and not from those who are already struggling to pay all their bills, especially pensioners.

Nobody likes paying bills, so I don't see why those who do struggle to pay them, should pay for those who do not, and will not.

Better still, why aren't the shares reduced to pay for all this evasion of

payments, perhaps then the water companies will find the ways, and means of recovering the costs owed to them.

Does anybody look at the cost and waste of the water being used by these illegal car washes that spring up all over the place, and are more or less in every street, in some cases three, or four within a short distance of each other, are they being investigated, or being made to pay extra for this excessive use of our most vital resource?

MRS P A JORDAN
Peartree Lane
Coseley

Look to owners of 'evil' dog breeds

I THINK Mrs J Wright will offend a lot of Bull terrier and Stafford owners by calling a whole breed of dog "evil".

Yes, they were bred for dog fighting, but this was banned in 1835.

Are fox hounds evil because they kill foxes? Are cats evil because they kill the birds?

If a Yorkshire terrier gets into a fight with a bigger dog, be it a bull terrier, rottweiler or Labrador, yes it will come off worse as it is a smaller dog whether the other dog has a lock jaw or not. Bull breeds are not evil dogs.

As with any breed of dog they need a responsible owner to make sure they are kept under control. Look to the other end of the lead Mrs. Wright.

EMMA HARRISON
Dudley

LETTERS to the Editor

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Looking for help in tracing ancestry

I AM writing to ask whether any of your readers can help me with my search for ancestors in the Sedgley area. I am looking for information about my grandfather, Dr Anthony Tamlyn and his family.

He lived in Sedgley from 1810 and died in 1867. I know he originated from Devon and lived with his large family in Sedgley High Street where he was a surgeon and GP.

Most of his sons died young or in middle age and I know his daughter Charity married a greengrocer, Thomas Jones and they lived in Stourbridge and Worcester among other places. Anthony Tamlyn married Jane White of Turl's Hill who I think originated from the Whites/Gibbons of Worfield and Badger in Shropshire. Any information about any of these would be so gratefully received. I have no photos of any of the family so any copies of documents, and photos of anything connected to them would be very much appreciated. I can be contacted on email Lesjontre@gmail.com or c/o Fr. Cenydd Marrison, Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, 101 Belmont Rd, Hereford, HR2 7JR

LESLEY HAMPTON, Peterchurch

Angry at comment aimed at Staffies

IN RESPONSE to Mrs J Wright of Wolverhampton, re: 'Shame no action was taken over killer dog.'

I feel so angered by your comments. How can you class Staffordshire bull terriers as killer dogs?



Do you not realise all dogs are potential killers.

Why muzzle just bull terriers? My two dogs are always on a lead, and it angers me to see dog owners letting their dog walk along roads and in parks without a lead, these dogs which are free then come wandering up to mine, if there is fight between the dogs dog, who's at fault?

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CLUB NEWS

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Flowers lift gloom of winter

K'WINFORD TWG

CHAIRMAN Chris Moy welcomed one visitor, Anne Crockett, to the January meeting and then wished everyone a Happy New Year. Joyce Robins was thanked for bringing flowers to brighten the winter gloom. It was announced that collection in lieu of Christmas cards had raised £60.50 which is a splendid effort.

When the time arrived to ask for volunteer washers up, we discovered that Pearl and Brenda had already started.

Members were asked to bring suggestions for future events and for speakers to the next meeting as these are helpful to the committee.

The book table is to be sorted and refurbished, and surplus books will be taken to a charity shop.

As this was a social evening, Sheila Watts provided a picture quiz comprising photographs of flowers and vegetables. Sue Wilson, Noele Robins, Joyce Robins, Sue Cotterrell and Anne Crockett were the winners.

This quiz proved that some of us really cannot "read" pictures. Perhaps we are dysgraphic? Next came a game of "Build a Snowman" which resembles Beetle. Raffle prizes were won by Pearl Jones, Brenda Greenaway and Anne Crockett.

The next meeting will be in the community centre on February 13, with John Pitwood, who will tell us about Mary MacArthur.

Members treated to old movie show



Dick Powell in a still from 42nd Street - shown as part of a compilation of films

THE first meeting after the Christmas break was very entertaining as John Coley showed films from the 1930s, 40s and 50s.

The black and white films included Footlight Parade, starring Dick Powell, and Flying Down to Rio, with Fred Astaire.

There was an informative film on the life of Churchill and the important role he played during the war, followed by a short film of people performing various stunts.

The next 'short' was an example of The Gaumont British News, entitled 50 Royal

CHASE TERRACE LADIES

Years. Members were then treated to another Fred Astaire musical.

Mr Coley has many old films - call him on 07792 252538.

Members spoke of the excellent Christmas meal at The Terrace, Brownhills, and £82.47 was raised for Air Ambulance which will be rounded up to £100.

Musical finale for society

THE final meeting in 2011, held at the Community Centre, Kingswinford, was the annual general meeting. Brenda Arthur was re-elected as chairman and the rest of the committee were duly re-elected.

Thanks were recorded to Arthur Weaver, examiner of the society's accounts for many years, who has decided to stand down. Tony Burns was elected in his place.

Mince pies and wine were provided for the members and it was then time to join Lisa

KINGSWINFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Jayne Smith as she told the story of the 'Old Tyme Music Hall'.

The programme for 2012 begins on Monday, February 6, James Morgan will speak on 'The Life and Times of Jack Haden', the well-known Stourbridge personality, from 7.30pm at the Community Centre, High Street. For further details call Brenda Arthur (01384) 291593 or Ron Julian (01384) 295848.

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Another dull hair day? Absolutely not! Hair Colour Doctor Lisa Shepherd says "while we might not feel full of the joys of spring just yet, thankfully modern hair care comes to our rescue."

And to give you a spring lift the Chron-icles have teamed up with the Lisa team to offer readers the chance of a bit of pre-Valentine pampering.

Lisa and her award-winning team are offering a winner and friend the chance to go to one of the Lisa Shepherd salons at Wombourne, Sutton Coldfield or Kidderminster for the ultimate make-over.

The prize includes a full cut, colour and style make-over in the salon complete with an indulgent hair ritual and any hair advice you need. To keep your new style looking stunning the winner will receive a bumper goody bag of Clynol's salon exclusive products to recreate that salon look at home.

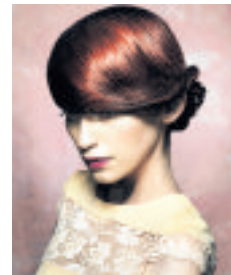
Favourites

Lisa is also offering five runner-up prizes of Clynol goody bags worth £50 including all you need for gorgeous hair this Valentine's Day. (These must be collected from the winner's nearest Lisa Shepherd salon).

If you are one of the 80 per cent of British women that have some form of colour on your hair then make certain you choose enriched-colour formulas that pack in nutrients and seal the cuticle, locking in pigment and essential moisture.

Lisa's winter favourites are the rich nut and chocolate shades, the gentle colour formulas available today leave a glossy shine. If you don't want to choose colour then a clear gloss at the backwash over natural hair adds iridescence.

Winter can be harsh on hair - moving from the cold into centrally-heated homes and offices causes the cuticle to lift and leak moisture, making it dull and



Glossy and colour-enriched rich hair will enhance any style

lifeless. Invest in repairing leave-in products that can actually rebuild the foundation of your hair, back it up with a regular use of lightweight rinse-off treatments, add sparkle with a shine spray and you have the makings of luminous shine whatever the weather's doing.

To tame tearaway hair and ensure that you are giving every strand a little winter coat of enriching Keratin then try the lasting blowdry Keratin smoothing treatment. It locks in moisture, holds style and leaves your hair looking glossy for up to three months.

This season trend-wise we are definitely seeing the return of mirror glass shine taking possible grunge to high octane glamour. Colours merge from dark and delicious to lighter more vibrant tones, the shades have also moved on with cool browns being swapped out for cocoas and bronze and treacle and honey tones overtaken by darkest, deepest gold.

"On the whole the look is far more expensive. It's more French Riviera than East Side NYC and every strand will be glazed to a glossy finish and dressed to perfection," says Lisa.

"The mega-trend of full head blondes continues and it's the twist of 'brighter blonde that'll make it 'of the moment'." Style-wise there are two ways to go, either the full-on glamour (think big blowdries) or the Hollywood grunge vibe (think Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen).



To stand a chance of winning simply answer the following question.

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Send your answer on a postcard with your name, address and contact number (only one entry per household) to Hair Competition, Chronicle series (editorial), 51-53 Queen Street, Wolverhampton, WV1 1ES. Closing date: Thursday, February 2. Usual rules apply. Editor's decision is final.

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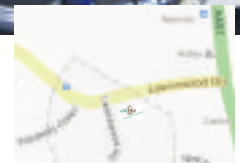
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Poignant role for Hart to Hart star

HOLLYWOOD actress Stephanie Powers follows her brief stint in the jungle for I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here with a UK theatre tour, which brings her to Wolverhampton Grand later this month as one of the leads in poignant family drama On Golden Pond.

The 69-year-old actress from California, who has survived lung cancer, began her career in the 1960s playing John Wayne's daughter in the western McLintock! and was The Girl From Uncle, before finding her defining role as Jennifer Hart, opposite screen husband Robert Wagner in the popular 1980s lighthearted detective series Hart to Hart. In later years she turned to theatre and won acclaim for roles in the West End musical Matador and the UK and US touring production of The King and I.

Playing the role of the elderly mother, portrayed by Katherine Hepburn in the Oscar-winning movie version, she will be joined by veteran British actor Richard Johnson, Good-night Sweetheart actress Elizabeth Carling and Walsall actor Tom Roberts.

This touching exploration of family and generational relationships is staged at the Grand from January 31 to February 4.

Cartoon classics bring a whole new musical world

SINGER and actress Helena Blackman will celebrate the musical legacy of much-loved animated movies at a cartoon-themed concert in Birmingham.

The Conservatoire, at Paradise Place, will host an intimate showcase for the 29-year-old vocalist on February 25, when she will perform songs from Disney movies, ranging from first full-length cartoon Snow White to recent hit Tangled.

It's been more than five years since the green-eyed brunette finished runner-up to Connie Fisher in Saturday night TV show How Do You Solve A Problem Like Maria?, Andrew Lloyd-Webber's search for an unknown actress to star in his revival of The Sound of Music. That prime-time platform launched the career of the girl from Southampton, who won critical acclaim in the lead role of Nellie Forbush in the UK tour of South Pacific. A year ago she released her debut album, The Sound of Rodgers & Hammerstein.

When launching that album she sang a medley of animated movie music. "And the audience went crazy," says Helena. "These are great songs and part of so many people's childhood." Tickets for Helena Blackman's Journey To The Past concert, part of a UK tour, cost £12 and are available by calling 0121 303 2323.

The Hoff is off

AMERICAN TV star David Hasselhoff, formerly of Baywatch, Knight Rider and more recently a Britain's Got Talent judge, has cancelled his appearance at Birmingham Town Hall on February 23 - due to "touring logistics problems".



Graduate of the 'Maria school' Helena Blackman will be performing in Birmingham

Fans just wild about Harry as Strictly tour comes to town

Strictly Come Dancing Tour, NIA

STRICTLY dance fans are just wild about Harry and it's easy to see why. Any doubts that the reigning glitter ball winner would not be able to thrill as he did on the popular Strictly Come Dancing TV series were soon dispelled as he performed the Argentine tango at the packed Birmingham NIA on the first night of the tour.

Fans were spellbound as were the three judges who each awarded him a maximum 10. Craig Revel Horwood, known for his harsh comments, gave him the ultimate

compliment: "I just wish I could dance like that." There was no doubt who would be the winner at the end of the night and sure enough it was McFly drummer Harry Judd. He only missed the final maximum by one point scoring 59 out of 60 (dropping one point when judge Len Goodman gave him a nine after a slight slip up on his second dance, the quickstep). The judges put him at the top of the leader board and the fans followed suit via text. A percentage of each text charge goes to charity.

Second again was Chelsee Healey, who made it clear that she was aiming to dethrone Harry during the tour. She and favourite Jason Donovan (third on the board) delivered excellent performances.

Anton with best partner

Anton & Erin, 'Let's Do It', Birmingham Symphony Hall
THE Strictly Come Dancing tour may have waltzed into town just yards away, but that didn't stop more than 2,000 people enjoying Anton Du Beke and Erin Boag at the Symphony Hall.

Accompanied by an orchestra, the smooth sounds of crooner Lance Ellington and four backing dancers, the duo put on an entertaining display.

Having teamed up with the likes of Ann Widdecombe and Nancy Dell'Olio in the past, it is hard to take Anton too seriously. However, it is clear he can dance, he and Erin have danced professionally together for years and their chemistry and rapport was there for all to see.

There were costume changes galore, in fact Erin will wear more than 500 throughout the tour, but the whole show was flawlessly danced and choreographed and with excellent musicianship throughout.

Mark Shipp

Last and definitely least was Nancy Dell'Olio who moved little more than the chair she used in the first routine. In her second dance, and I use the word loosely, she was carried on as Cleopatra and you could probably count the number of dance steps on one hand. Low on dance but high on entertainment value.

Sue Attwater

Underground

Walk The Lines - Mark Mason (Random House Books, hardback, £12.99)

MIDLANDER Mark Mason has obsessions with maps and with London, and combined the two when he set himself the task of walking every line of the London Underground - overground. That means visiting every one of the 269 stations, often more than once as the 11 lines connect.

The task involved walking 403 miles from rural fringes and suburbs to the landmarks of central London. Thankfully it doesn't become a gruelling slog for the reader thanks to Mason's inexhaustible supply of London trivia and a selection of travelling companions. His worst experience is his ill-advised idea to recreate the infamous Circle Line pub crawl. That takes its toll, as it requires having an alcoholic drink in every pub closest to a station on the line... all 27 of them.

Big girls have fun

The Fat Chance Guide to Dieting - Claudia Pattison (Penguin, paperback, £6.99)

THREE ladies worried about their weight get more than they bargained for in their battle of the bulge at the Fat Chance slimming club.

Former magazine journalist Pattison's naughty girls' romp is a fun novel, an easy read about friendship, food and finding love where you least expect it.

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6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Nigel Slater's Simple Suppers. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **12.15** Football Focus. **1.00** British Olympic Dreams - A Winter Youth Olympic Special. **1.30** Live Athletics. Coverage of the International Match from Glasgow's Kelvin Hall. **4.30** Final Score. **5.15** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **5.35** Winter Wipeout.

6.35 The Magicians. The professional illusionists are joined by more famous faces to perform another selection of tricks.

7.50 The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins. Nick Knowles hosts the show in which strangers pair up to win money.

8.40 Casualty. Linda is forced to take her errant sister's children to the ED so she can supervise them, and Dylan struggles to treat a homeless alcoholic (Billy Boyd from Lord of the Rings).

9.30 BBC News; Weather.

9.50 FILM: The Rock. (1996) An FBI chemical weapons expert and a jailed SAS veteran must break into Alcatraz to bring down a renegade general and his men. Action thriller, with Sean Connery and Nicolas Cage; National Lottery Update.

11.55 The Football League Show. Highlights of today's games in the Football League.

12.35 Film: The Cat and the Canary. (1978) Thriller, starring Honor Blackman. **2.10** Weatherview. **2.15** BBC News.

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.25** Live Tennis: Australian Open, The women's singles final. **11.30** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **12.00** Film: Island in the Sky. (1953) Action adventure, starring John Wayne. **1.45** Escape to the Country. (R) **2.30** Live Bowls: The World Indoor Championships semi-finals. **4.35** Film: Galaxy Quest. (1999) Sci-fi comedy, starring Tim Allen.



6.10 Flog It! From the Prince's Theatre in Kilmarnock, East Ayrshire.

7.10 Dad's Army. The platoon competes for the honour of guarding a VIP. (R)

7.40 Timewatch. The 1939 debutante season. (R)

8.30 FILM: The Duchess. (2008) An 18th-century duchess enduring a troubled marriage is driven into the arms of a prominent politician. Fact-based drama, starring Keira Knightley, Ralph Fiennes and Dominic Cooper.

10.10 Pan Am. Colette meets Dean's parents.

10.50 Pan Am. Kate must fake a lie detector test to save herself from ruin.

11.35 TOTP: The 60s. New series. The first of three programmes placing the spotlight on hits from the 1960s.

12.05 Bowls. **1.05** Film: Day of the Dead. (1985) Horror sequel, starring Lori Cardille. **2.40** Close.

12.15 Celebrity Juice. **12.50** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **3.00** In Plain Sight. **3.45** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **10.25** May the Best House Win. (R) **11.25** This Morning: Saturday. **11.55** ITV News; Weather. **12.00** Live FA Cup Football. Liverpool v Manchester United. (Kick-off 12.45pm). **3.05** Film: The Incredible Hulk. (2008) Comic-book adventure, starring Edward Norton. **5.15** Regional News; Weather. **5.30** ITV News; Weather. **5.45** All New You've Been Framed!

6.45 Harry Hill's TV Burp. More choice moments from the show's vaults.

7.15 Take Me Out. A professional golfer, an undertaker, a wedding singer and a fitness model take part. Paddy McGuinness presents.

8.30 The Talent Show Story. How The X Factor became one of TV's biggest shows.

9.30 The Jonathan Ross Show. With Kermit the Frog and Miss Piggy, plus Hugh Bonneville, Jack Whitehall and Arctic Monkeys.



10.30 ITV News; Weather. **10.45** FA Cup Football Highlights. Action from today's fourth-round ties.

12.15 Celebrity Juice. **12.50** The Zone; ITV News Headlines. **3.00** In Plain Sight. **3.45** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** That Paralympic Show. (R) **7.00** Volleyball. (R) **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.55** T4: Everyone's Talking About - Top Ten. **9.25** T4: Live and Lost: Rizzle Kicks. (R) **9.55** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.25** T4: Desperate Scousewives. **11.25** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **12.00** T4: New Girl. (R) **12.30** T4: Playing It Straight. **1.25** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **1.55** Channel 4 Racing. **3.55** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) **4.25** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) **5.00** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) **5.35** Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R)

6.05 Channel 4 News. **6.35** 4thought.tv. **6.40** FILM: Crocodile Dundee. (1986) Comedy, starring Paul Hogan.



8.30 The Million Pound Drop Live. Davina McCall presents the quiz show in which contestants can win £1million, but lose money for giving incorrect answers.

10.05 FILM: Clear and Present Danger. (1994) Action thriller, starring Harrison Ford.

12.50 Chris Moyles' Quiz Night. (R) **1.35** Friday Night in. (R) **1.45** Film: The Warlords. (2007) Historical adventure, starring Jet Li. **3.40** This Is Me. (R) **3.45** St Elsewhere. (R) **4.35** 90210. (R) **5.15** Countdown. (R)

6.00 Milkshake! **10.00** Inside Hollywood. **10.10** It's All About Amy. (R) **11.10** Celebrity Big Brother: Final. (R) **12.40** Film: Murder, She Said. (1961) Miss Marple mystery, starring Margaret Rutherford. **2.25** Film: Black Horse Canyon. (1954) Western, starring Joel McCrea. **4.05** Film: Man in the Wilderness. (1971) Western, starring Richard Harris and John Huston.

6.05 FILM: Police Academy 3: Back in Training. (1986) The bungling graduates of the police training school return as instructors to save the establishment from closure. Comedy sequel, with Steve Guttenberg.

7.35 5 News Weekend. **7.40** NCIS. A security guard is killed during a bank robbery. (R)

8.30 NCIS. In a bid to expose a spy in NCIS, Gibbs sends DiNozzo and Ziva on a decoy mission to retrieve top-secret information from a secure military base. Mark Harmon stars. (R)

9.30 CSI: NY. New series. The team members recall September 11, 2001.

10.30 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. New series. A couple are accused of child abuse by their foster son.

11.30 CSI: NY. A man is found dead on Brooklyn Bridge. (R)

12.25 SuperCasino. **4.00** Great Artists. (R) **4.25** Divine Designs. (R) **4.50** County Secrets. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

ITV2 **3.40** American Idol **6.25** Film: Batteries Not Included (1987) **8.30** Take Me Out - The Gossip **9.15** Film: Rumor Has It. (2005) Romantic comedy, starring Jennifer Aniston and Kevin Costner. **11.15** The Only Way Is EsseXmas

ITV4 **12.50** Film: The Big Country (1958) **4.10** Film: The Way West (1967) **6.40** Film: Escape to Victory (1981) **9.00** 20 Football Transfers That Shocked the World. Signings that captured the public's imagination. **10.00** Africa Cup of Nations **11.00** Film: The Hitcher (2007)

BBC THREE **7.00** Doctor Who **8.30** Film: Bee Movie (2007) **9.55** Edinburgh Comedy Fest Live 2011. Part one of two. **10.50** Family Guy

BBC FOUR **7.00** Survivors: Nature's Indestructible Creatures **8.00** Atlantis: The Evidence - A Timewatch Special **9.00** Borgen **10.55** Top of the Pops: 1977 **11.35** Airline: The Story of Pan Am

E4 **1.30** Hollyoaks **4.05** Perfect Couples **5.05** Scrubs **6.05** The Big Bang Theory **7.00** Happy Endings **7.30** How I Met Your Mother **8.00** Rules of Engagement **8.30** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Film: Beverly Hills Cop II. (1987) Comedy thriller sequel, starring Eddie Murphy. **11.05** The Big Bang Theory **11.55** The Cleveland Show

FILM4 **2.55** Paper Moon. (1973) Drama, starring Ryan and Tatum O'Neal. **5.00** A Walk in the Clouds (1995) **7.00** X-Men. (2000) Mutant outsiders with strange powers defend the human race from a superhuman terrorist faction. Sci-fi comic-book adventure, starring Hugh Jackman and Patrick Stewart. **9.00** Predator. (1987) Sci-fi thriller, starring Arnold Schwarzenegger. **11.05** Alien. (1979) Sci-fi horror, starring Sigourney Weaver.

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6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Country Tracks; Weather for the Week Ahead. **12.00** Sunday Politics. **1.05** EastEnders. **3.00** The Royal Bodyguard. (R) **3.30** Penguin Island. (R) **4.00** Regional Programmes. **5.00** Songs of Praise. **5.35** Antiques Roadshow. (R)

6.35 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **7.00** Countryfile. How the demand for cheap milk threatens the Guernsey breed of cow, and a comparison between animal welfare rules in Europe with those of Britain.

8.00 Call the Midwife. Jenny befriends an ailing veteran soldier (Roy Hudd).

9.00 Birdsong. Stephen is haunted by memories of his affair with Isabelle – only to meet her again as he prepares for the Somme. Conclusion of the drama, with Eddie Redmayne and Clemence Poesy.

10.25 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **10.50** The One Griff Rhys Jones. Comedy sketches, with Griff Rhys Jones. Last in the series.

11.30 Room 101 – Extra Storage. With Gregg Wallace, Gabby Logan and Sarah Millican.

12.10 Weatherview. **12.15** Sign Zone: Film 2012 with Claudia Winkleman. (R) **12.55** Hairy Bikers' Best of British. (R) **1.40** Holby City. (R) **2.40** Celebrity Antiques Road Trip. (R) **3.40** Rip Off Britain. (R) **4.10** BBC News.

6.00 CBeebies. **7.00** CBBC. **8.15** Live Tennis: Australian Open. The men's singles final. **12.00** Escape to the Country. (R) **1.00** Figure Skating. The European Championships. **2.30** Live Bowls. **5.15** Ski Sunday.



6.00 The Last Explorers. Neil Oliver examines the Antarctic explorations of William Speirs Bruce, who set out to conquer the frozen continent in the name of scientific advancement.

7.00 Sir Jimmy Savile at the BBC: How's About That Then? Footage from the BBC archive of the DJ and broadcaster who died in October 2011 at his home in Leeds. (R)

8.00 Top Gear. New series. A trio of supercars are tested in Italy.

9.00 Toughest Place to Be a Bin Man. New series. London dustman Wilbur Ramirez travels to Jakarta, Indonesia.

10.00 God Bless Ozy Osbourne. A profile of Black Sabbath frontman Ozy Osbourne.

11.30 FILM: The Science of Sleep. (2006) Premiere. Michel Gondry's fantasy comedy, starring Gael Garcia Bernal and Charlotte Gainsbourg. In French, Spanish and English.

1.10 BBC News. **4.10** Close.

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. **7.25** CITV. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** FA Cup Football Highlights. (R) **11.00** Dinner Date. (R) **12.00** Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) **12.55** ITV News; Weather. **1.00** Live FA Cup Football. Sunderland v Middlesbrough (Kick-off 1.30pm). **4.00** Vera. (R)

6.00 You've Been Framed! Crazy horses, practical jokes and skiers hitting the slopes – literally. (R) **6.25** Regional News; Weather.

6.35 TV News; Weather. **6.45** Dancing on Ice. Phillip Schofield and Christine Bleakley announce a big twist. The results can be seen at 9.30pm.

8.30 Wild at Heart. A bush fire spirals out of control.

9.30 Dancing on Ice: The Skate Off. The two lowest-scoring couples compete.

10.00 That Sunday Night Show. With Ross Noble and Melanie Chisholm.

10.30 TV News; Weather. **10.45** FA Cup Football Highlights. Action from today's fourth-round ties.

11.30 Anglo-Welsh Cup Rugby Union.



12.20 The Zone. Shopping and interactive gaming; ITV News Headlines. **2.00** Ladette to Lady: Australia. (R) **2.50** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

6.00 The Treacle People. (R) **6.10** The Hoobs. (R) **6.35** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** Sailing: America's Cup Uncovered. (R) **7.30** The Mark Webber Tasmania Challenge. **8.25** T4: One Tree Hill. (R) **9.15** T4: Hollyoaks. (R) **11.45** T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.15** T4: Shipwrecked: The Island. **1.20** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **1.55** T4: The Simpsons. (R) **2.30** Film: Son of the Mask. (2004) Fantasy comedy sequel, starring Jamie Kennedy. **4.20** Deal or No Deal. **5.25** Channel 4 News. **5.55** 4thought.tv.

6.00 Time Team. **7.00** Hugh's Three Hungry Boys. The boys reach the halfway point of their adventure.

8.00 The Hotel. Grosvenor manager Mark invests in a computer.



9.00 FILM: The Ghost. (2010) Premiere. A writer is employed to pen the memoirs of a former British prime minister, but finds his life in mortal peril. Political thriller, with Ewan McGregor and Pierce Brosnan.

11.35 FILM: Predator 2. (1990) Sci-fi thriller sequel, starring Danny Glover.

1.35 Coming Up: Home. A homeless couple go in search of a friend. (R) **2.05** St Elsewhere. (R) **2.50** 90210. (R) **3.35** My Dream Farm. (R) **4.30** Lost Buildings of Britain. (R) **5.25** Countdown. (R)

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **6.25** Fireman Sam. (R) **6.40** Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **6.50** Castle Farm. (R) **6.55** Igam Ogam. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.15** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **7.35** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.50** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) **8.00** Little Princess. (R) **8.20** The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **8.35** Angelina Ballerina. **8.50** Rupert Bear. (R) **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **9.10** Milkshake! Monkey. (R) **9.15** The Mr Men Show. (R) **9.25** Roary the Racing Car. (R) **9.40** Mist: Sheepdog Tales. (R) **10.00** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **10.15** Meerkat Manor. (R) **10.50** Grey's Anatomy. (R) **11.45** Cowboy Builders. (R) **12.45** Film: A Ring of Endless Light. (2002) Drama, starring Mischa Barton. **2.30** Film: Tinker Bell and the Lost Treasure. (2009) Animated adventure, with the voice of Mae Whitman. **4.05** Film: Fairytale: A True Story. (1997) Fact-based drama, with Harvey Keitel. **5.55** Film: Shanghai Noon. (2000) Comedy Western, starring Jackie Chan and Owen Wilson.

8.00 World's Greatest Daredevils. (R) **8.55** 5 News Weekend. **9.00** FILM: Bad Boys. (1995) Action thriller, starring Will Smith and Martin Lawrence.

11.25 FILM: Storm Catcher. (1999) Action thriller, with Dolph Lundgren.

1.10 SuperCasino. **4.00** County Secrets. (R) **4.10** Great Scientists. (R) **4.40** Divine Designs. (R) **5.00** Hana's Helpline. (R) **5.10** The Milkshake! Show. (R) **5.35** Thomas & Friends. (R) **5.45** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

ITV2 **2.00** The National Television Awards 2012 **4.30** New You've Been Framed! **5.00** Film: Free Willy (1993) **7.10** Film: Kangaroo Jack (2003) **9.00** Winners & Losers **10.00** The Only Way Is Essex **10.45** Peter Andre Uncut: Piers Morgan's Life Stories

ITV3 **11.00** Cracker

ITV4 **1.30** Film: The Way West (1967) **4.00** Film: The Curfew at Dodge City (1959) **5.40** Film: Shalako (1968) **8.00** Anglo-Welsh Cup Rugby Union **9.00** Cops with Cameras **10.00** Africa Cup of Nations **11.00** Film: Sweeney! (1977)

BBC THREE **7.00** Junior Doctors: Your Life in Their Hands **8.00** Young Baker of the Year **9.00** Young Soldiers. Catching up with three of the British Army recruits featured in the series. **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** American Dad! **11.30** Sun, Sex and Suspicious Parents

BBC FOUR **7.00** Timeshift – The Last Days of the Liners **8.00** Treasures of Chinese Porcelain **9.00** Film: Flame and Citron. (2008) Premiere. Fact-based Second World War drama, starring Thure Lindhardt and Mads Mikkelsen. **11.05** Toni and Rosi

E4 **4.55** Samantha Who? **5.20** Being Erica **6.15** 90210 **7.15** Film: The Simpsons Movie. (2007) Animated comedy, with the voice of Dan Castellaneta. **9.00** Desperate Housewives **11.00** Skins

FILM4 **2.50** Carry On Dick (1974) **4.35** Guess Who (2005) **6.45** A Good Year (2006) **9.00** Ghosts of Girlfriends Past. (2009) Romantic comedy, starring Matthew McConaughey and Jennifer Garner. **10.55** Under Siege 2: Dark Territory. (1995) Action adventure sequel, starring Steven Seagal.

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.25 CBeebies. 11.30 BBC World News. 12.00 Daily Politics. 1.00 One Man and His Campervan. (R) 1.30 Animal 24/7. 2.15 Weakest Link. 3.00 Helicopter Heroes. (R) 3.45 Flog It! 4.30 Perfection. 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Railway Journeys Goes to Ireland. 7.00 Home Cooking Made Easy. (R) 7.30 A Question of Taste. 8.00 University Challenge. 8.30 An Island Parish. 9.00 Protecting Our Children. 9.30 The Big Week. (R) 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Pan Am. (R) 12.00 Pan Am. (R) 12.40 BBC News. 3.30 Close. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. 3.00 The Alan Titchmarsh Show. 3.59 Regional Weather. 4.00 The Hungry Sailors. 5.00 The Chase. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Cornwall with Caroline Quentin. 8.30 Coronation Street. 9.00 Whitechapel. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 That Sunday Night Show. (R) 11.10 Law & Order: UK. (R) 12.05 Cops with Cameras. (R) 1.00 The Zone: ITV News Headlines. 3.00 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 3.55 ITV Nightscreen. 4.35 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 5.30 ITV Morning News.

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Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.10 LIVE with Gabby. 12.05 5 News Lunchtime. 12.15 Superior Interiors with Kelly Hoppin. (R) 1.15 Home and Away. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 CSI: NY. (R) 3.15 Film: Pregnancy Pact. (2010) Premiere. Drama, starring Thora Birch. 5.00 5 News at 5. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Home and Away. (R) 6.30 5 News at 6.30. 7.00 World's Toughest Trucker. (R) 5 News Update. 8.00 Police Interceptors. 5 News at 9. 9.00 Royal Marines: Mission Afghanistan. New series. The work of a Royal Marine company in Helmand Province. 10.00 Film: Striking Distance. (1993) Police thriller, starring Bruce Willis. 12.05 Jodie Marsh - Bullied: My Secret Past. (R) 1.05

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.25 CBeebies. 11.30 BBC World News. 12.00 Daily Politics. 1.00 One Man and His Campervan. (R) 1.30 Animal 24/7. (R) 2.15 Weakest Link. 3.00 Helicopter Heroes. (R) 3.45 Flog It! 4.30 Perfection. 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Railway Journeys Goes to Ireland. 7.00 Hairy Bikers' Best of British. (R) 8.00 Alex Polizzi The Fixer. 9.00 Wonderland. My Child the Riots. Interviews with parents of those involved in the 2011 riots. 10.00 Have I Got Old News for You. (R) 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Rubicon. (R) 12.05 Rubicon. (R) 12.50 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.25 CBeebies. 11.30 Daily Politics. 1.00 See Hear. 1.30 Animal 24/7. (R) 2.15 Weakest Link. 3.00 Helicopter Heroes. (R) 3.45 Flog It! 4.30 Perfection. 5.15 Put Your Money Where Your Mouth Is. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Railway Journeys Goes to Ireland. 7.00 Top Gear. (R) 8.00 Natural World: Tiger Dynasty. 9.00 The Chase. 10.00 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Storyville: Sex, Death and the Gods. (R) 12.35 BBC News. 4.00 BBC Learning Zone.

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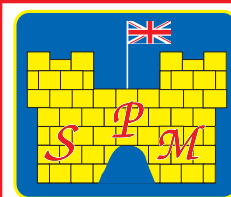
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Dunsley Lane, Kinner
Division of Vehicular Traffic

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Staffordshire County Council, on 24 January 2012, made an Order the effect of which is to prohibit any vehicle from proceeding in that length of Dunsley Lane, Kinner between its junctions with A449 Kidderminster Road and Dunsley Road unless the vehicle is being used in connection with the works. Through access will not be permitted.

The preferred alternative route for traffic will be available via A449 Kidderminster Road and Dunsley Road.

THE ORDER WILL COME INTO OPERATION ON MONDAY 30 JANUARY 2012 AT 08:00, AND THE SAID WORKS WILL COMMENCE ON OR AS NEAR AS PRACTICABLE TO THAT DATE. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE WORKS WILL BE COMPLETED BY FRIDAY 2 MARCH AT 17:00.

The Order will remain in force for a period of 18 months or until the highway and junction alteration works, which it is proposed to carry out on or near the road, have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

Date: 27 January 2012.

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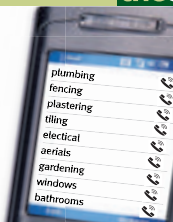
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chocolate loving male for
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OHAC, seeks female under 50
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Kia Optima is one of a kind in big business saloon stakes

SHOULD you be captivated by the sculpted lines of Kia's new big saloon you ought to find the buying process pleasantly simple.

By Ian Donald

For starters, there's just one engine on offer – a fairly modest diesel – and one body shape – a saloon, with no talk of hatch or estate on the horizon.

So you'll just have to concentrate on colour and fittings and perhaps go for the auto over conventional gearchange.

And that's it, although you might not want to hang around. Kia has only modest sales targets for the Optima and might be surprised

at the interest this handsome machine generates.

It's a big car, longer even than Ford's Galaxy and to my eyes a much more handsome design, a shape overseen by the man who spent some years drawing new Audis for a living before being tempted away to inject style into Kias from Korea.

The Optima marks the completion of part one of the project that has seen eight new cars in seven years and turned Kia from a company that sold cars because they were cheap to ones that represent good value – an important difference.

Good value (think Marks & Spencer) means we'll pay a bit more for something that looks good; making us feel better and the retailer a little bit better off.

Most Optimas will end up as company cars and aren't going to be upstaged in the company car park in a sea of Galaxies and Insignias, especially when the Kia's keeper starts describing what came as standard with the car.

All Optimas share the same engine but come with a choice of four grades. The entry level Optima 1 (see, I said it was simple) costs £19,595 and has the business car

essentials of air con, electric windows, Bluetooth, alloys and adjustable lumbar support for the driver – along with a huge boot easily made bigger still by folding the rear seats.

Next up is the Optima 2 in Luxe or Tech guise, each costing the same £21,695. Both have dual zone air conditioning, heated front seats (with memory and electric adjustment for the driver), reversing sensors and a more easily read instrument panel.

The Luxe then adds part leather seats, sunroof, iPod cable, big 18 inch alloy wheels and a reversing camera. Opt for the Tech and you'll find a 12 speaker sound system, smaller alloys and touch screen satellite navigation.

The Tech looks the bargain buy of the range, which is topped by the £24,495 Optima 3 which adds xenon headlights, full leather upholstery... even an automatic parking system, heated rear seats and the ability of the hard-pressed driver to cool his seat at the push of a button.

So it looks good (inside and out) and comes with lots of kit, but how does this promising newcomer drive?

Pretty well is the quick answer. The 1.7

litre, 134bhp diesel engine is vocal when cold but decently subdued once warmed through and provides enough performance to keep a busy company driver on schedule.

An automatic model was less impressive, adding vibrations through the floor and keeping the revs annoyingly high when stopped at the lights and not looking worth the £1,500 charged for dispensing with a clutch pedal.

The manual gearchange 2 Luxe on test was much more refined, with a ride that felt busy on bad roads but calmed down at a business-like cruise on the motorway.

The manual change Optima recorded 57.6mpg in the mandatory (and misleading) Euro test; my drive on a variety of roads saw 44mpg on the easily read trip computer.

With 128g/km of exhaust pollution the Optima will be easy on the company pocket, with zero road tax in year one and a reasonable £95 thereafter. Insurance, at group 17, shouldn't hit the bottom line too hard either.

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'Tommy Gun' has sights on Ryan

COSELEY'S Tommy Ghent will square off with Walsall's Joel Ryan when they open the Prizefighter show at Wolverhampton Civic Hall next month.

They will contest four rounds at welterweight in front of the Sky Sports cameras in the prelude to the tournament on February 11. 'Tommy Gun' is a 'Prizefighter Prospect', signed to Matchroom, and will face a capable opponent in 21-year-old Ryan.

He beat the then-reigning Midlands welterweight champion, Sean McKervey, in a non-title affair last March and has the ability to spring a shock.

But Ghent insists it's the sort of test he wants, despite this being just his third fight since turning pro last September.

He said: "It's definitely a test for me, he's a good boxer and has got a good jab. I would rather have the tough fights, though."

"I like to have my opponent get in there and come at me, I don't want anyone who has come for the pay."

"It's better to have someone who wants to beat me, that will bring the best out in me."

Despite his inexperience, both of Ghent's opponents have failed to go more than two rounds with the 19-year-old. He could make it a hat-trick of stoppages with an early win at the Civic.

Male pulls out of bout

CRADLEY'S Chris Male has pulled out of his English featherweight title fight against Joe Murray next week with a suspected torn rotator cuff.

The two had been set to compete for the vacant belt next Saturday night on the Sky Sports televised bill at the Reebok Stadium in Bolton. But Male, 29, needs an MRI scan after sustaining the injury sparring with Stourbridge's Steven Pierce and has had to rest completely.

It's the second time it has been called off at short notice, nine months after Ricky Hatton's promotional company won the purse bids to stage the fight. The bout was set to take place in November but the show was moved from Newport in Wales to Manchester, then cancelled.

Aston plans to give returning Gray a tanking

by Craig Birch

DUDLEY'S Ryan Aston will be opposed by the returning Kieron Gray on the Prizefighter bill at Wolverhampton Civic Hall after the Telford fighter came out of retirement.

'Tank' will clash with Gray in a standard six-rounder in front of the Sky Sports cameras on February 11 as a supporting act to the eight-man, one night, tournament.

Aston is a part of the show as a 'Prizefighter Prospect', signed to

the Matchroom stable, and will box in the Black Country as a pro for the first time.

Gray hung up his gloves after taking Coseley's Jamie Ball to a draw for the Midlands light-middleweight title in December 2010 but has been enticed back into the ring.

'Slammer' steps up to middleweight in the process and is also a come forward fighter.

That prompted Aston to vow

that his opponent will feel the added power at the higher weight come fight night.

He said: "He's a tough guy and he will come to fight, he will try and have a row, but he will come to get hurt."

"This is what I wanted, these fights are stepping stones to get me up to where I want to be."

"I have got no real game plan for him, he's not got anything that I haven't seen before."

"If he comes forward, I will box him on the back foot and then punish him with counter shots."

"I will adapt to his style and completely annihilate him that way."

Aston's pro career may be in its infancy but he has four straight wins since turning pro last June. That move followed the winning

of four national titles as an amateur.

And the 20-year-old has warned there will be nowhere to hide when the two go toe-to-toe in the ring.

He said: "He's took the fight and that's it, there's no excuses."

"He's getting in the ring and he can't say he's not fit or has got ring rust."

"But for him to come up to middleweight and fight, I didn't really see that coming," added Aston.

Glassboys' promotion dream suffers a dent

STOURBRIDGE'S promotion hopes took a knock as they fell to defeat at Chesham.

Defeat on Saturday came despite goals from Leon Broadhurst and Nathan Bennett on a day when the home side were the only winners amongst the top eight in the Evo-Stik League Southern Premier Division.

Stourbridge played the first period down the slope at The Meadow and with the wind in their favour, but found themselves trailing after just seven minutes.

Sam Smith's weak back-header to Lewis Solly found only James Potton who clipped the ball beyond the stranded Stour keeper.

Stourbridge sought a quick response and three minutes later Ben Billingham delivered a free-kick which saw Smith challenge for a header and the ball carry to Paul McCone whose shot was blocked.

Clear chances were at a premium after that until the Glassboys broke away to level on 35 minutes.

Spell

Ryan Mahon found Broadhurst who swept the ball forward towards Ryan Rowe and then popped up to hook Rowe's cross low inside keeper Shane Gore's right-hand post.

The visitors enjoyed a good spell up to half-time and Sean Evans' chip from the left dropped wide of the near post.

In the second minute of stoppage time Stourbridge took the lead when Rowe was tripped on the byline and Billingham's free-kick and Billingham's free-kick was headed in by Bennett.

Yet Chesham levelled virtually from the restart when Steve Wales burst into the right-hand side of the area

Chesham 4
Stourbridge 2

to bury a low shot past keeper Solly.

The hosts had the advantage of the conditions in the second period and might have taken the lead in the 48th minute as Bruce Wilson released Wales for an unsuccessful low shot.

Stourbridge created a couple of chances with Sam Rock slipping in Evans for a shot which was parried well by Gore and Rowe firing a 20-yard screamer narrowly over.

But Chesham struck the decisive goal in the 67th minute.

A goal-kick from Solly into the other half was cleared by Mark Lambert and as substitute Leon Archer tussled with Bennett, the home striker wriggled clear, rounded Solly and turned the ball into an empty net.

The goal seemed to knock the stuffing out of the visitors and despite a fine save by Solly from Archer, Chesham wrapped up victory three minutes from time with a rasping 30-yarder from Wilson.

Shillingford sprints in to launch record blitz



Dudley Kingswinford's Stefan Shillingford runs in the first of his side's 21 tries in their 137-0 home win against Manchester. The huge victory set a DK club record - and backs crossed for 17 of the scores.

Captain's dismay as firsts go down

KINGSWINFORD hockey firsts went down 2-0 at home to Whitchurch in an exciting MRHA West Midlands Division Two clash.

Kingswinford had the best of the early chances with both Colin Morris and Sam George going close.

With a fierce midfield battle between both sides, it was becoming apparent that any mistakes would be punished by either side.

Kingswinford had some good hockey in patches with players showing great skill.

George skipped past three tackles showing outstanding skills but his misplaced pass found Whitchurch's most prominent player who launched a blistering counter-attack resulting in a goal.

The second half saw the home team win nine short corners which were all saved by Whitchurch's 6ft 3in goalkeeper.

Veteran Morris went close a number of times as did Chris Brown and George but it was not to be Kingswinford's day.

Whitchurch added a second goal late on to put the game beyond doubt.

Captain Adam Pritchard said: "We are disappointed. We must play like a team and show what we learn in training on Saturday."

Efforts of goalkeeper all in vain

KINGSWINFORD hockey seconds were beaten 3-0 at Wednesbury despite the efforts of goalkeeper Mark Stevenson.

He kept his team in the game with stunning saves on the base line and accurate kick backs to the midfield.

Lubby Ram applied pressure with tactical play in the Wednesbury penalty area and on two occasions the umpire awarded hits outside the D instead of short corners.

The second half showed more pressure on Kingswinford. Stevenson made great diving saves, there were half-chances to Richard Turner created by Ram, but not enough to score and Kingswinford conceded a further two sloppy goals.

Ram was in top form after returning from injury but Stevenson was man of the match.

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Spirited Saxons pay for errors

STOURBRIDGE Saxons showed their never say die spirit but ultimately paid the price for defensive frailties and a string of handling errors and lost 41-27 at Blackheath.

The Londoners ran in seven tries while the Saxons will need to lift themselves as they look to end a three-match losing run.

They found themselves behind after just seven minutes when flanker Richard Pike peeled off a maul to touch down.

Liam Holder replied with a 16th-minute penalty but three minutes later, the hosts added a second try. Blackheath drove forward before finding full-back Mike Canty who streaked 40 metres to the line.

Two further tries followed in quick succession, the first for No.8 James Catt, who profited from a Saxons turnover. Six minutes later Stourbridge conceded a penalty try when their front row infringed in a scrum on their own line, fly-half Sam Windsor slotting the conversion.

Another Holder penalty doubled the visitors' tally but on the stroke of half-time the Londoners scored again, Canty touching down.

The Saxons improved in the second half, Nathan Bressington crossing nine minutes after the restart and James Hearn kicking the extras.

Tom Richardson then scored the visitors' second try, bursting through before chipping the ball over the full-back, gathering and diving over. Hearn kicked the conversion but Blackheath responded quickly as Windsor darted over under the posts before converting to put the home side 14 up.

Jordan Page was driven over for a try converted by Hearn but another Windsor try and conversion ended the visitors' lingering hopes.

Mitchell hits out at rivals

STOURBRIDGE director of rugby Neil Mitchell says questions need to be asked after Cambridge RFC stopped paying players.

"It's grossly unfair," he said. "We were talking to players in the summer, offering them deals, only for those players to be offered more money to go to Cambridge."

"But that counts for nothing if they don't have the money to see it through."

Harriers make a move for Glassboys striker

by Craig Birch

STOURBRIDGE striker Ryan Rowe has emerged as a target for Kidderminster Harriers.

The Harriers, chasing a play-off place in the Blue Square Bet Premier, have signed Newcastle Town's Anthony Malbon.

But first they made a move for the productive Rowe, scorer of 16 goals this season. Kidderminster boss Steve Burr spoke with Glassboys counterpart Gary Hackett about the forward.

But the two sides were unable to strike a deal for the 23-year-old, who has also been watched by Walsall.

The Glassboys aren't under any pressure to sell.

Rowe and Stourbridge came to national attention during the club's FA Cup run this season.

The Glassboys' endeavours added almost £100,000 to the coffers at the War Memorial Ground.

Harriers then switched their attentions to Malbon, scorer of 30 goals already this season for Town, who ply their trade one level below Evo-Stik South Premier Stourbridge.

So it's Malbon, not Rowe, who gets his chance at full-time football after a £7,000 move, with the 20-year-old signing an 18-month deal at Aggborough.

Burr said: "We have brought him here with the right intentions, just as we have a number of lads in the past, and hope he can do well for us."

"A number of clubs were interested in him but we have gone in and got him," added the manager.

While Stourbridge dug their heels in, Newcastle Town wouldn't stand in the player's way of a shot at the professional

game. Malbon is already off the mark after a stoppage time goal on Saturday at Alfreton.

And Burr hailed all the parties that made the move happen.

He said: "I must say that Newcastle Town dealt with things in a very professional way. Their manager felt that the lad needed the opportunity to test himself at a higher level and is pleased he has the chance to do that here."

"The club and everyone were great to work with and that approach is very refreshing."

Double delight for club in finals

STOURBRIDGE Swimming Club is celebrating a double achievement.

The A team, competing in Division One of the National Arena Swimming League, reached its first league final in over a decade and finished fifth.

And the B side reached the Division Three South Final and went on to gain promotion.

Stourbridge A's swimmer of the night was Brittany Horton, who put in incredible performances, both individually where she only dropped one point, and in the relay Teams.

The B Team won their place in the final with second places in the first two rounds and a third in round three.

They finished third in the swim-off to secure promotion to Division Two. It was the 11-year-old boys team of James Enright, Ed Maycock, Luke Willets and Taylor Crannage who were outstanding.

Team managers Julie Hill and Sam Morgan said: "This is simply amazing."

"We never expected at the beginning of the league that we would be gaining promotion."

"Our team have been absolutely incredible all the way through and thoroughly deserve their place in Division Two."

Anyone interested in joining the club should contact head coach Stewart Nicklin at www.stourswim.co.uk or by calling 07834 689178.

Spot-kick Yeltz woe

BEN HASELEY marked his home Halesowen debut with a second goal in two games.

But it wasn't enough as the Yeltz missed a penalty and fell to a 2-1 home defeat against Paulton Rovers in Evo-Stik South Division One South and West.

The visitors had an escape when a Nathan Jones header hit the underside of the bar.

The Yeltz took a 22nd-minute lead when Jones put Haseley clear to stroke the ball past Kyle Phillips.

Phillips saved a penalty from Jones and Paulton won it with goals from Ollie Price and Dan Cleverley.

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PEDERSEN BACK TO INSPIRE YOUNGSTERS

SPEEDWAY great Jan O Pedersen wants to play his part in developing the next British world champion after rejoining the Heathens.

Pedersen, who won the world title in 1991, has agreed to become coach of the Dudley club and is moving back to England from his Danish base.

And the former Cradley star wants to see British youngsters reach the top and start to challenge the rising stars from Australia, Poland and Scandinavia.

He said: "I care passionately about British racing because this is where I spent so much of my life."

"Obviously I want Denmark to do well but Britain is also home to me and it saddens me seeing the lack of British riders at the top level of the sport."

"I'm so pleased to have this opportunity to go back to the club where I started my career, even though they now ride at Wolverhampton in the National League."

"If we can be successful and develop the youngsters at the club it will benefit the fans and I still believe most of the fans are from the old Cradley days."

Focus

"The main target is for the club to find a track of their own and if we can help by being successful then that's good."

"Will Pottinger is a good young guy to have as manager and I will focus on working closely with the riders, advising them on their technique and set-ups, that's where I feel I can help."

"I'm quite sure Will and myself can work together very well and I look forward to seeing all the Heathens fans again this season. It will be nice to be a part of something special."

"It's great to see a Hea-

by Nigel Pearson

thens team back on track and to be honest the level of support doesn't surprise me.

"They're so passionate about their club and if ever a group of supporters deserve success and a track of their own then this is it."

"They gave me a great welcome at the Golden Hammer last July, I really enjoyed that, and now I hope to help the team with the benefit of my experience."

Pottinger is excited by Pedersen's appointment.

He said: "This is a great opportunity for me to work with someone of Jan O's experience."

"He can only help the riders with his knowledge and opinions and to have a World Champion in our camp is fabulous for us all."

"Jan O has got the knowledge about riding the bike and the set-ups which is something me and the rest of the management team don't have."

The Heathens Season Launch Party is approaching a sellout but tickets can still be ordered from dudleyheathens.co or calling the club on 07717 242957.

It takes place at Cradley Heath Liberal Club, High Street, Cradley Heath on March 9.



New Dudley Heathens coach Jan O Pedersen, front, with the club's team manager Will Pottinger

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